

FISCAL MEMORANDUM
HB 976 – SB 1274

May 2, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007749): Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to participate in the national animal identification system if the program is voluntary and the department must comply with any federal mandate regarding the interstate and international movement of animals.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease State Expenditures - \$55,800

Other Fiscal Impact - Decrease Federal Expenditures - \$278,900

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

MINIMAL

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Under current statute, the Department of Agriculture is authorized to take action to prevent animal disease and protect Tennessee livestock.
- The Department of Agriculture currently has an 80/20 match cooperative agreement with the USDA in which the State provides \$334,700 for the implementation of the voluntary program that encourages livestock and poultry owners to register with the National Animal Identification System (NAIS).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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